

Greetings From the East

Brothers, another month has gone by and it has been a busy one. Besides our regular meetings and work the officer and craft team have had a busy and enjoyable time. On Thursday night Feb. 26th your Master journeyed to Jackson to watch the E A degree conferred by Jackson Lodge No. 17 in long form and had a most enjoyable evening. He extended an invitation for this lodge to visit Phoenix and confer this work.

On Friday night Feb. 17 the officer and craft team conferred the Master Mason degree at Fraternity Lodge 262 in Ann Arbor. The officers conferred the first section and one short form and the team the long form in which they did a very fine job and were complimented by the officers and members of Fraternity lodge. They will in turn make a return visit to Phoenix lodge on March 21 at 7:30 P.M.

Brothers, there are several spots open for young Master Masons and we can assure you of a pleasant time not only in our own lodge but also in the journeys we have scheduled in the near future.

Feb 20th was our Master Masons night and dinner was served to seventy Master Masons and their wives and all seemed to enjoy it very much. So why not set aside March 21 and join us in our dinner and social hour before lodge opens. We have planned for a movie and cards for the ladies after dinner.

On Saturday night Feb. 25 our Demolay Chapter held its spring installation. It was a very impressive ceremony
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Fellowcraft Team Goes To Ann Arbor

An Appointment In Samaria

On Wednesday March 1 the Fellowcraft team journeyed to Samaria Lodge No. 438 to exemplify the Master Mason Degree on two candidates from the Samaria Lodge.

A bountiful Roast Beef dinner was served before the degree work, and no one went

upstairs to put on the work with an empty stomach.

The Lodge room was filled to capacity as Worshipful Master K.M. Yeager introduced everyone present. Worshipful Master Erwin Hendershot introduced the officers and members of Phoenix Lodge. Ray Edwards of the Sylvania Lodge introduced the many members of his Lodge who were present.

As usual the Fellowcraft did an excellent job in spite of the new surroundings and obstacles which always arise in a different place.

Brothers who took part in the work were: Troy Bird, John Bailey, Frank Daniels, Charles Hall, Everett Addington, Noble Goings, Richard Schlanderer, Bluford Robinson, Reuben Woodley, Paul Richmond, Ray Vorce, Gerald William, s Jim Mohler, Norm Holder, Henry Van Riper, Erwin Hendershot, Carl Barnett, Nels Mickelson, Charlie Bohn, Carl Schultz, Clayton Proctor, Frank Brickell, and John Pinkston.

Other Brothers making the trip but not taking an active part in the degree work were Charles Fagin, Allen Ogle, Denzil Robbins, Floyd Ring, Harold Hinds, Bruce Vint, and Paul Hamilton.

On February 17 the Fellowcraft team journeyed to Ann Arbor to confer the Master Mason degree on two candidates from Fraternity Lodge 262 in Ann Arbor.

The team exemplified the work in the style which it has become well known for. Even though we have the nucleus for a fine team there is still room for more brothers to join the team and to learn more about the degree work.

Those brothers participating in the work are Clayton Proctor, James Mohler, Jerry Williams, Denzil Robbins, Norman Holder, Henry Van Riper, Earl Klein, Carl Barnett, Martin Siler, Nels Mickelson, Everett Addington, Floyd Ring, Troy Bird, Noble Goings, Frank Brickell.

Others making the trip were Worshipful Master Erwin Hendershot, Junior Warden Alan Stewart, Junior Deacon Bruce Vint, Marshall Harold Hinds, and Past Master Charlie Bohn.

After the degree a light lunch was served in the dining room.

Several other trips are in the planning stage and will be announced as negotiations are completed. Now is the time to join the team and get in on the coming visitations.

Trestle Board

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March 1

At Samaria Lodge
6:30 P.M. Dinner

March 7

E. A. Degree 7:00 P.M.

March 14

Regular 7:30 P.M.

March 17

All Masonic
Night-Potluck 6:30 P.M.

March 20

School Instruction
8:00 P.M.
Lunch.

March 21

M M Degree No Dinner
Fraternity 262 Ann Arbor
Open 7 P.M.
Lunch after Meeting

March 27

M M Degree At
Manchester 148
Dinner 7:00 P.M.

March 28

Demolay Night 7:30 P.M.
Lunch after work

April 4

E A degree 7:00 P.M.
Jackson 17, Long form
(Tentative)

CAR WASH PLANNED

The Huron 76 Club will hold a CAR WASH at Baileys Marathon Service 1395 Ecorse Road at South Harris Saturday March 11.

If the weather is bad the event will be moved back to March 18.

So all Masons in this area are asked to have their car washed on this date, as the profits are to go to the Huron 76 club to finance the trips being planned, and also to replenish some of the equipment used by the Fellowcraft team.

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IN MEMORIAM

One brother Clarence L. Sanderson joined the Celestial Lodge above over which the Supreme Grand Master presides this past month.

Brother Clarence lacked a little less than a month of becoming a life member of Phoenix Lodge.

CLARENCE L. SANDERSON
Born: September 7, 1884 in
Agusta Township
Initiated: February 10, 1921
Passed: March 1, 1921
Raised: March 22, 1921
Died: February 19, 1961 at
Mesa, Arizona

JOHN GUSTIN

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Brother Gustin please communicate with Brother Secretary Ralph Oltmanns. All of his mail comes back marked moved, but no forwarding address is given.

Brother Ralph also advises that there is still quite a few brothers who haven't paid their dues. It would save the Lodge quite a bit of money in time and material if it would not be necessary to send out second notices.

Please help Brother Ralph in his endeavors.

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What Makes A Mason?

What makes a Mason, O Brother of mine?

It isn't the due-guard, nor is it the sign

It isn't the jewel that hangs on your breast

It isn't the apron in which you are dressed

It isn't the step, nor the token, nor grip

Nor lectures that fluently flow from the lip

Nor yet the possession of the mystic word

On five points of fellowship duly conferred

Though these are essential, desirable, fine,

They don't make a Mason, O Brother of mine.

That you, to your sworn obligations are true,

Tis that, Brother mine, makes a Mason of you,

Secure in your heart you must safeguard your trust

With Lodge and with Brother be honest and just,

Assist the deserving, who cry in their need

Be chaste in your thought, in your word and your deed

Support him who falters, with hope banish fear

Then will the Great Lights on your path brightly shine
And you'll be a Mason, O Brother of mine.

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Excelsior Chapter Plans Centennial

The plans for the Excelsior Chapter No. 25 R.A.M. and Union Council No. 1 R & SM Centennial Celebration are progressing nicely and some of the Companions are sporting beards to celebrate the occasion. If you notice a difference in their facial appearance attribute it to Centennial fever and not to the loss of their razors.

The historical committee is gathering as much history of the early days of the Chapter and Council as possible, however information for the years 1861-1870 is sketchy. If any of the Companions or brothers have any information or pictures pertaining to that period the committees headed by Companion Hugh Dinsdale would appreciate being contacted.

Remember the date is Saturday April 29. Tickets to the banquet are available from any of the Chapter or Council officers or Companion H. Cecil Holtz the ticket chairman, can be contacted at HUter 2-3055.

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Retrospections

By Uncle Lou
Dr. Parmenio Davis

Dr. Parmenio Davis was the fifth person to serve Phoenix Lodge as Worshipful Master, the year being 1851. He was made a Mason December 7, 1847 in Phoenix Lodge.

He was born April 22, 1816 in Covington, N.Y. one of eleven sons of Rev. Jonathon E. and Hannah (Curtis) Edwards. He died November 17, 1883, in Ypsilanti. On October 24, 1841 Carlista Showerman became the wife of Dr. Davis and to them were born one daughter and three sons. Two of the sons, Guy E. and D. Louis Davis became prominent merchants in Ypsilanti and were members of Phoe-

nix Lodge. Two daughters of D. Louis Harris, Mrs. J. E. McAllister and Mrs. R. A. Weir are now living in Ypsilanti.

In 1835, Dr. Davis came to Ypsilanti and taught for a short time in the old white school. (now the residence of Dr. F. E. Westfall on N. Washington St.) In 1840 he took his degree of M.D. from the Western Medical College of Willoughby, Ohio and that same year began practicing in Ypsilanti, continuing over thirty years.

Dr. Davis also became extensively interested in real estate acquiring acreage in the south-eastern section of the city and building many houses. He platted land east of South Prospect Street as far as Center Street and opened up Towner Street.

Politically Dr. Davis served the city in several capacities. He was the first alderman in the 5th Ward when Ypsilanti became a city in 1858. He was Mayor in 1861-2-3 and 1868-9 and 1870, also supervisor in 1858 and 1859.

James Medad Curtis, the sixth person to serve as Wor-Lodge was born July 3, 1818 in Genesee, Livingston County, New York, a son of Medad Curtis and died January 20,

1865 in Ypsilanti. He served two years, 1852 and 1854. He was also a charter member of Ypsilanti Lodge No. 128 in 1860 and his father Medad Curtis, was a charter member of Phoenix Lodge in 1846.

On December 8, 1846 James M. Curtis received the third degree and so became the third man to be raised by Phoenix Lodge.

As a youth Brother Curtis moved west to Buffalo where he attended Avon Academy taking up architecture and learned the Mason trade, working with his father. About 1835 the family moved to Ypsilanti where he continued his trade of Mason contractor. Among the many buildings he erected were the Michigan State Normal College. The Hewitt store, (now Cunningham's Drug Store) the Samson residence (at north-west corner of W. Cross and N. Adams Sts.) the Follett

Hotel, old Union School (on present site of Central High School), the John Gilbert residence and his last contract was for the St. James Hotel in Ann Arbor.

On November 17, 1841 Brother Curtis married Harriet M. Samson, sister of Erastus Samson, a prominent local merchant. Frank, Fred, Ed, and Charles J. Samson were their children.

Before the death of the son, Frank Curtis in 1931, I had the pleasure of corresponding with him regarding his father and he furnished valuable biographical data. Frank Curtis was buried at Alamo, Michigan.

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By — Albert Greenham

There's more to life's problems, than just this or that
Or pulling your ideas, just out of a hat
There is no magic in God's just plan

There are things you must do, and do it you can.
You've struggled, You've worried, you've fretted, you've planned

But you never once thought, just take God by his hand.
Then all of your problems, whether big ones or small
Will vanish like dew in the morning's bright pall.

These are part of your problems, yes, part of your cares
That need to be studied, not, with just numbled prayers
How can you love Him, if you really don't know?
How can you see God, in this infinity show?

And nary a beginning, and nary an end
The shell of the earth, and the sky o'er head
God measured the Earth, with the span of his hand
Weighed the hills in a balance, believe this if you can.

Do you doubt it? Then prove it, to be otherwise
There are no millions, or billions, of stars in the skies
The Sun and the Moon, of which you may doubt
Are all contained WITHIN, and there's nothing WITHOUT

These laws are immutable, scientifically just
There are no wild guess's, each fact is a must
The bride, and the bridegroom, are one and the same
All Glory, all Honor, all Praise, to His name.

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and was well attended by the public and their many friends. I wish to thank all my officers for loyally attending this function on such a miserable night.

On Monday night, Feb. 27 the officers of Blue Lodge served a Ham loaf dinner to our Sisters of the Eastern Star on their Past Matrons, Past Patrons and life members night.

Tuesday night, Feb. 28, Phoenix Lodge was host to Wolverine Lodge 484 of Detroit who conferred the long form Fellow Craft Degree lecture and a splendid job was done and enjoyed by a large attendance from Grass Lake Lodge, and Plymouth lodge and many outside visitors. Our Junior Warden and his staff are to be complimented on a fine lunch served following the degree work. We are in the process of arranging a return visit to Wolverine Lodge with our craft team to confer the Master Masons Degree. We are endeavoring to make this year an active one by bringing in teams from other lodges and reestablishing the friendship and brotherly love that should be forthcoming in all our activities. Why not come to our meetings and watch your officers perform as well as our Your craft team.

We are now in the midst of planning our first all Masonic night on Friday, March 17. This will be in the form of a potluck dinner. Bring your own hot rolls, a dish to pass, and your own table service. The meat, coffee, cream, and sugar will be furnished by the Blue Lodge and Eastern Star. After dinner there will be a thirty minute movie and cards to complete the evening. We have had so many requests for this type of evening, so now

is your opportunity to make the best of it by being there.

March is also going to be a busy month for your officer, and craft team. We will be making two visitations for conferring Master Masons degree in other lodges and also one in our own lodge. We can use more brothers on this team. The more there are, the better time we have.

On March 28, our Demolay Chapter will be our guest and demonstrate the proficiency in their work which is above par. So lets have a large turn out and give these young men the moral support they deserve.

All of the officers are hoping to see our Senior Deacon return to his post after being confined in the hospital and home for three weeks with a severe case of laryngitis.

Brothers, lets not forget our dues. They were due and payable upon receipt of your annual notice and this is now march and a great many are not paid at this writing. Lets get behind this and not cost your lodge the undue amount of money in sending out a second notice.

Note to the Past Masters, in my last letter I expresed the hope of seeing you among the brothers on the side lines. This has not been noticed to date. The line officers and and myself would be pleased to have as many of you present as possible at least one meeting a month or more if you can make. Why not try.

Fraternally,

E. P. Hendershot, W.M.

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Eastern Star News

Ypsilanti Chapter No. 119 honored all their past matrons and past patrons at their special meeting Feb. 27.

A delicious dinner in charge of the associate Matron Lillian Garret was served to 180 members and friends. Dressed in their colonial costume, the past matrons and past patrons entered the dining room and were greeted by the Worthy Matron Mrs Laura Geib, and associate Matron Mrs. Lillian Garrett each being presented with a gift from their chapter.

Colonial doll cakes with matching colored candles and small colonial dolls dressed in the color of the star points made the tables very pretty. The chairman of the dining room and decorations was Mrs Winnie Arnet Conductress. and Mrs. Pauline Tremper, Associate Conductress. Many members helped with this project and I do appreciate it very much. The men dressed in white jackets with the master of Phoenix Lodge No. 13. F. A. M. Erwin Herdershot. These men served the ladies well and we do appreciate it.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Preis-korn were initiated into the order with the past matrons and past Patrons exemplifying the degrees.

We are now busy planning our "Hawaiian Fun Night" March 13. Members from Pinkney, Mich. dressed in their Hawaiian Muu Muus will entertain us. Brothers and Sisters please wear your Hawaiian shirts and Muu Muus and come to the Masonic Temple March 13 at 7:30 P.M.

On March 17, Phoenix Lodge and the Eastern Star will have a pot luck supper at 6:30 P.M. Followed by movies and card playing. We will have door prizes. The lodge and chapter will furnish the meat, coffee and tea. Please bring your

table service, buttered rolls and dish to pass.

We extend our sympathy to Sister Clista Sanderson on the loss of her loved one.

Sincerely and fraternally
Laura Geib, "Worthy Matron"

Bowling News

7 o'Clock League

Moffett Shoes	60
McNaughtons Drive In	53
City Radiator	50
Michigan Fence	48
Congdon & Son	45
Indoor Comfort	45
General Sign	44
Wilbur Heating	39

9 o'Clock League

Atkinson Contruction	57
Forbes the Finest	56
Anderson & Deck	52
Ypsi Model R.R.	51
Acme Glass	47
Chapman & Son	43½
Washtenaw Shrine	43
Bill's Sinclair	34½

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